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HARLES, by the grace
of God, King of Scotland,
England, France, and Ire-
land, defender of the faith.
To Our Lovits

Messengers, Our Sheriffs,
in that part conjunctly and
severally, specially con-

figure, greeting. Forasmuch as the cause and occasion of all the distractions which have happened of late bot his Church and Common-wealth of this

Our Kingdome, have proceeded from the conceived fears of innovation of Religion and Lawes: To free all our good Subjects of the least suspicion of any intencion in Us to innovate any thing, either in Religion or Lawes: and to satisfie, not only their desires, but even their doubts: We have discharged, and by these presents do discharge the Service book, book of Canons, and High Commission, and the practice of them, or any of them: and by these presents annuls and rescinds all acts of Councell, Proclamations, and whatsoever and deeds whatsoever that have been made, or shall be made, for establishing them, or any of them: and declares the same to be null, and to have no force nor effect in time coming. And being informed, that the urging of the practice of the five Articles of Peace in Assembly, hath bred great distraction and division in the Church and State, We have been graciously pleased to take the same into Our consideration, and for the quiet and peace of Church and State, do not only dispense with the practice of the said Articles, but also discharge, like as by these presents Wee discharge all and whatsoever persons from urging the practice thereof, upon either layke or ecclesiasticall persons, whatsoever. And Wee doe hereby see all Our Subjects from all censure and pain, whether ecclesiasticall or secular, for not urging, practising, or obeying the same, notwithstanding of any thing contained in the acts of Parliament, or generall Assembly to the contrary. And because it hath been to the disgrace of government, dispersed and furnished throughout this Our Kingdome, that some of Our Subjects have

have exercised such illimited and unwarranted power, and have held themselves eximed from censure and punishment, to which others Our Subjects are lyable: We do by these presents declare, that if any of Our Subjects, whether ecclesiasticall or civill, of whatsoever qualitie, title, or degree, have, or shall at any time presume to do any such act, or assume to themselves any such exemption or power, That they shall, like as by these presents We make and ordain them to be lyable to the tryall and censure of Parliament, generall Assembly, or any other judicatories competent, according to the nature and qualitie of the offence. And for the free entrie of Ministers, that no other oath be administrate unto them, than that which is contained in the act of Parliament. And to give Our Subjects full assurance, that we never intend to admit of any change or alteration in the true Religion already established and professed in this Our Kingdome, And that all Our good people may be fully and clearly satisfied of the realitie of Our intentions towards the maintenance of the truth, and integrity of the said Religion: Wee have thought fit and expedient to enjoin and authorize, like as We by these presents do require and command all the Lords of Our privie Councell, Senators of the Colledge of Justice, Judges, and Magistrates to burgh and land, and all Our other Subjects whatsoever, to subscribe and renew the Confession of Faith, subscribed at first by Our dear Father and his household, in the yeare of God, 1580. Thereafter by persons of all ranks, in the year, 1581. by ordinance of the Lords of secret Coun-

cell, and acts of the generall Assembly. Subscribed again by all sorts of persons in the year, 1590. by a new ordinance of Councell at the desire of the generall Assembly, with their generall band of maintenance of the true Religion, and the Kings person. And for that effect we do require the Lords of Councell to take such course, anent the foresaid confession and generall band, that it may be subscribed and renewed throughout the whole kingdome, with all possible diligence. And because we will not leave in Our Subjects mindes the least scruple or doubt of our royall intentions and reall resolutions, Wee have given warrant to Our Commissioner to indict a free generall Assembly, to be holden at Glasgow the twentieth one day of November, in this present year, 1638. And thereafter a Parliament to be holden at Edinburgh the fifteenth day of May, *Anno* 1639. for settling a perfect peace in the Church, and Common-weale of this Kingdome. And because it is likely that the disorders and distractions which have happened of late, have been occasioned through the conceived fears of innovation of religion and laws, and not out of any disloyalty or disaffection to Sovereignty: We are graciously pleased absolutely to forget what is past, and freely to forgive all by-gones to all such as shall acquiesse to this Our gracious pleasure, and carry themselves peaceably as loyall and dutifull Subjects, and shall ratifie and approve the same in Our next ensuing Parliament. And that this Assembly may have the better successe, and more happy conclusion, Our will is that there be a solemn fast proclaimed and kept by all Our good Subjects of
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this kingdome, a fourteen daies before the beginning of the said Assembly : the causes thereof to be a begging a blessing from God upon that assembly, and a peaceable end to the distractions of this church and kingdome, with the averſion of Gods heavie judgement from both. And our pleasure is that this fast be kept in the most ſolemne manner as hath been in this Church at any time heretofore upon the most extraordinary occasion.

OUR WILL is herefore, and we charge you ſtraitly and command, that incontinent theſe our letters ſeen, ye paſſe, and make publication hereof by open proclamation at the market croſſes of the head burrows of this kingdome, where-through none pretend ignorance of the ſame.

Given at our court of Oatlands, the ninth day of September, 1638.

Per Regem.

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THE
CONFESSION OF
FAITH,
OF THE KIRKE OF
SCOTLAND:

*Subscribed at the first by the Kings Majesties unwhi-
le dearest Father, of blessed memorie, and his household,
in the year of God, 1580. Thereafter by persons of all
ranks, in the year of God, 1581. by ordinance, of
the Lords of secret Councell, and AEs of the generall
Assembly. Subscribed again by all sorts of persons in
the year, 1590. by a new ordinance of Councell, at
the desire of the generall Assembly: With the generall
Band for maintenance of the true Religion. And now
renewed and subscribed again by his Majesties speci-
all command, by the right noble Marques, JAMES,
Marques of Hammiltoun, Earle of Arran and Cam-
bridge, Lord Even, and Evendail, his Majesties high
Commissioner, and Lords of secret Councel under sub-
scribing. And that of and according to the date and
tenor of the said Confession of Faith, dated in March
1580. and of the Band, dated in Anno 1589.*



WE all, and every one of us under-written,
protest, that after long and due ex-
amination of our own consciences, in
matters of true and false Religion, are
now thoroughly resolved in the truth,
by the word and spirit of God: And therefore we
beleeve

believe with our hearts, confesse with our mouthes, subscribe with our hands, and constantly affirme before God, and the whole world, that this only is the true Christian Faith and Religion, pleading God, and bringing salvation to man, which is now, by the mercy of God, revealed to the world, by the preaching of the blessed Evangel.

And received, believed, and defended by many and sundry notable Kirks and Realmes, but chiefly by the Kirk of Scotland, the Kings Majestie, and three Estates of this Realme, as Gods eternall truth, and only ground of our salvation, as more particularly is expressed in the Confession of our Faith, stablished, and publickly confirmed by sundry acts of Parliaments, and now of a long time hath been openly professed by the Kings Majestie, and whole bodie of this Realme, both in burgh and land. To the which Confession and forme of Religion, we willingly agree in our consciences in all points, as unto Gods undoubted truth and veritie, grounded only upon his written Word. And therefore we abhorre and detest all contrary Religion and Doctrine: but chiefly all kinde of Papistrie in generall and particular heads, even as they are now damned and confuted by the word of God and Kirk of Scotland: but in speciall, we detest and refuse the usurped authoritie of that Romane Antichrist, upon the Scriptures of God, upon the Kirk, the civil Magistrate, and conscience of men. All his tyrannous Lawes, made upon indifferent things against our Christian libertie. His erroneous doctrine against the sufficiency of the written word, the perfection of the Law, the office of Christ, and the blessed Evangel.

Evangel. His corrupted doctrine concerning originall sin, our naturall inabilitie, and rebellion to Gods law, our justification by faith only, our imperfect sanctification and obedience to the Law, the nature, number, and use of the holy Sacraments. His five bastard Sacraments, with all his rites, ceremonies, and false doctrine, added to the ministration of the true Sacraments without the word of God. His cruel judgement against infants departing without the Sacrament. His absolute necessitie of Baptisme. His blasphemous opinion of Transubstantiation, or reall presence of Christs bodie in the elements, and receiving of the same by the wicked, or bodies of men. His dispensations with solemne oaths, perjuries, and degrees of marriage forbidden in the word. His cruelty against the innocent divorced. His devilish masse. His blasphemous priesthood. His prophane sacrifice for the sins of the dead and the quick. His canonization of men, calling upon angels or saints departed, worshipping of images, relickes, and crosses, dedicating of Kirks, altars, dayes, vowes to creatures. His purgatorie, prayes for the dead, praying or speaking in a strange language, with his processions and blasphemous lechery, and multitude of advocates or mediators. His manifold orbours, anticular confession. His desperate and uncertain repentance. His generall and doubtfoule faith. His satisfactions of men for their sins. His justification by works, *opus operantis*, works of supererogation, meritt, pardons, peregrinations, and stations. His holy water, baptizing of bells, conjuring of spirits, crossing, lanning, anointing, conjuring, hallowing of Gods good crea-

tures, with the superstitious opinion joyned therewith. His worldly Monarchie, and wicked Hierarchie. His three solemne vowes, with all his shavellings of sundrie sorts. His erroneous and bloody decrees made at Trent, with all the subscribers and approvers of that cruell and bloody band, conjunct against the Kirk of God. And finally, we detest all his vaine allegories, rites, signes, and traditions brought in the Kirk, without, or against the word of God, and doctrine of this true reformed Kirk. To the which we joyn our selves willingly, in doctrine, faith, religion, discipline, and use of the holy sacraments, as lively members of the same, in Christ our head: promising and swearing, by the great name of the Lord our God, that we shall continue in the obedience of the doctrine and discipline of this Kirk, and shall defend the same according to our vocation and power, all the dayes of our lives, under the paines contained in the law, and danger both of body and soul, in the day of Gods fearfull judgement. And seeing that many are stirred up by Satan, and that Romane Antichrist, to promise, swear, subscribe, and for a time use the holy sacraments in the Kirke deceitfully, against their own consciences, minding hereby, first under the externall cloak of religion, to corrupt and subvert secretly Gods true religion within the Kirk, and afterward, when time may serve, to become open enemies and persecuters of the same, under vaine hope of the Popes dispensation devised against the word of God, to his greater confusion, and their double condemnation in the day of the Lord Jesus.

We therefore, willing to take away all suspicion
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of hypocrisie, and of such double dealing with God and his Kirk, protest, and call the searcher of all heartsto witnesse, that our mindes and hearts do fully agree with this our confession, promise, oath, and subscription: So that we are not moved for any worldly respect, but are perswaded only in our consciences, through the knowledge and love of Gods true religion, printed in our hearts by the holy Spirit, as we shall answer to him in the day when the secrets of all hearts shall be disclosed. And because we perceive, that the quietnesse and stability of our religion and Kirk doth depend upon the safety and good behaviour of the Kings majestie, as upon a comfortable instrument of Gods mercie granted to this countrey, for the maintenance of his Kirk, and ministration of justice amongst us, We protest and promise with our hearts under the same oath, hand-writ, and paines, that we shall defend his person and authority, with our geare, bodies, and lives, in the defence of Christ his Evangel, liberties of our countrey, ministration of justice, and punishment of iniquity, against all enemies within this realme, or without, as we desire our God to be a strong and mercifull defender to us in the day of our death, and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. To whom with the Father, and the holy Spirit, be all honour and glory eternally. Amen.

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Under-subscribing, and considering the strait link and conjunction betwixt the true and Christian religion, presently profest within this realme, and Sovereigne Lords estate, and standing, having both the self same friends and cominon enemies, and subject to the like event of standing and decay, and weighing therewithall the imminent danger threatned to the said religion, the preservation whereof being dearer to us than whatsoever we have dearest to us in this life. And finding in his majestie, a most honourable and christian resolution, to manifest himself to the world that zealous and religious prince, which he hath hitherto professed; and to imploy the means and power that God hath put into his hands, as well to the withstanding of whatsoever forraigne force shall mean within this Land, for alteration of the said religion, or endangering of the present state; as to the repressing of the inward enemies thereto amongst our selves, linked with them in the said Antichristian league and confederacie. Have therefore in the presence of almighty God, and with his majesties authorizing and allowance; faithfully promised, and solemnly sworn, like as heretofore faithfully and solemnly swear, and promise to take a true, effectuall, and plain part with his Majestie, amongst our selves, for diverting of the appearing danger threatned to the said Religion, and his Majesties state and standing, depending thereupon, by whatsoever forraigne or intestine plots, or preparations. And to that effect faithfully, and that upon our truth and honours, binde and oblige us to others, to
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conveen and assemble our selves publickly, with our friends in arms, or in quiet manner, at such times and places, as we shall be required by his Proclamations, or by writ, or message direct to us from his Majesty, or any having power from him. And being convened and assembled, to joyn and concurre with the whole forces, of our friends and favourers, against whatsoever forraigne or intestine powers, or papists, and their partakers, shall arrive or rise within this island, or any parts thereof, readie to defend or pursue, as we shall be authorized and conducted by his Majestie, or any others having his power and commission, to joyn and hold hand to the execution, of whatsoever mean or ordour shall be thought meet by his majestie, and his Councell, for suppressing of the Papists, promotion of the true religion, and setting of his Highnesse estate, and obedience in all the countreys and corners of this realme, to expound and hazard our lives, lands, and goods, and whatsoever means God hath lent us, in the defence of the said true and christian religion, and his Majesties person and estate, against whatsoever Jesuits and Seminary, or Masse Priests, condemned enemies to God and his majestie, to their utter wrack and extermination, according to the power granted to us by his Majesties proclamation and acts of parliament. To try, search, and seek out all excommunicates, papists and others papists whatsoever, within our bounds and shires, where we doe reside, and chase them to his Highnesse, and his privy Councell, and conform us to such directions, as from time to time we shall receive from his Majesty and his Councell, in their behalfs. And specially, so many of

us as presently are or hereafter shall be appointed Commissioners in every shire, shall follow, pursue, and travail by all means possible, to take and apprehend all such Papists, Apostates, and excommunicates, as we shall receive in writ from his Majestie. And we, the remanent within that Shire, shall concurre and assist with the saids Commissioners with our whole friends and forces, to that effect, without respect of any person whatsoever. And generally to assist in the mean time, and defend every one of us another, in all and whatsoever quarrels, actions, debates moved, or to be moved against us, or any of us upon action of the present Band, or other causes depending thereupon. And effauidly joyn in defence and pursuit against whatsoever shall offer or intend any injurie, or revenge against any one of them for the premisses, making his cause and part that is pursued, all our parts; Notwithstanding, whatsoever privie grudge, or displeasure standing bewixt any of us, which shall be no impediment or hinder to our said effauid joyning in the said common cause; but to ly over, and be misknown, till they be orderly removed, and taken away by the order under specified. To the which time, We for the better furtherance of the said cause and service have assured, and by the tenor hercof, every one of us taking the burden upon us for our selves, and all that we may let, assure each other to be unhurt, unharmed, or any wayes to be invaded by us, or any our foresaids for old feid or new, otherwise than by ordinary course of law and justice: neither shall we, nor any of our foresaids make any
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provocation, or tumult, trouble, or displeasure to others in any sort, as we shall answer to God, and upon our Honours, and fidelitie to his Majestie. And for our further and more heartie union in this service, we are content, and consent, that all whatsoever our feids and variances fallen, or that may fall out betwixt us, be within fourtie dayes after the date hereof, amicably referred and submitted to seven or five indifferent friends, chosen by his Majestie of our whole number, and by their moderation and arbitrement composed and taken away. And finally, that we shall neither directly, nor indirectly separate nor with-draw us from the union and fellowship of the remanent, by whatsoever suggestion or private advice, or by whatsoever incident regard, or stay such resolution, as by common deliberation shall be taken in the premisses, as we shall answer to God upon our consciences, and to the world, upon our truth and honours, under the pain to be esteemed traitours to God, and his Majestie, and to have lost all honour, credit, and estimation in time coming. In witnesse whereof, by his Majesties speciall command, allowance, and protection promised to us therein, We have subscribed these presents with our hands.

At

1589.

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WE, JAMES Marquess of Hamiltoun, Earle of
 Arran and Cambridge, Lord Evandale, and Evandale
 daill, his Majesties high Commissioner, and Lords
 of his Majesties privie Councell, underscribing, by
 vertue, and conforme to a warrant and command,
 signed by his Sacred Majesty, of the date the ninth
 of September, 1638. and registrate in the books
 of Councell, upon the 22. day of the said month:
 Swear, and with our hearts, and humble and true
 affections to Gods Trueth, and to his Sacred Maje-
 stie, subscribe the Confession of Faith, of and ac-
 cording to the date and tenor above specified: and
 also renew, swear, and subscribe the foresaid gen-
 erall Band of the tenor above writtten, for preserva-
 tion of the true Religion, and maintenance of his
 Sacred Majesties Authoritie, according to the tenor
 thereof, fullie, and as amply as the same may com-
 beirved in fauour of his Majesties anointed blessed
 Father of eternall memorie, by the said Band. In
 witness whereof, we have subscribed these presents
 with our hands, At Maly. pule house, the twentie
 two day of September, 1638.

Sic subscribitur.

HAMMILTON.

Traquaire, Roxburgh, Mairheall, Mar, Murray,
 Linlithgow, Perth, Wigtoun, Kingorne, Tullibar-
 din, Hadingtoun, Annandaill, Lauderdaill, Kinnoull,
 Dumfreis, Southesk, Belheaven, Angus, Lorne,
 Elphinstoun, Naper, Dalyell, Amont, J. Hay,
 S. Thomas Hope, S. W. Elphinstoun, Ja. Carmi-
 chael, J. Hammiltoun, Blackhall,



He Lords of secret Councell having read and maturely considered his Majesties letters, and particular declaration of his pleasure anent the annulling of the Service book, book of canons, and high Commission, discharging the pressing of the practice of the five Articles, making all persons Ecclesiastick and Civill, of what title or degree soever, lyable to the triall and censure of Parliament, general Assembly, & other judicatories competent, anent the not administering to ministers at their entry any other oath than that which is contained in the act of Parliament anent the subscribing and renewing the confession of faith, subscribed by his Majesties Father of blessed memory, and his household, in *Anno* 1580. and band following thereupon, anent the indiction of a generall Assembly, to be holden at *Glasgow* the 21. day of November, 1638. and Parliament at *Edinburgh* the 15 of May, 1639. and anent his gracious goodnesse in forgetting and forgiving all by-gones, and indiction of a fast for craving of Gods blessing to this Assembly; finde themselves so fully satisfied therewith, and the same to be so satisfactorie for removing all the fears of the subjects anent innovation of religion or laws, that we hold our selves bound in durie, not only to acquiesse therewith, as the best mean to secure both religion and laws, but also to use our best endeavours, that all his Majesties good subjects may likewise rest satisfied therewith. And that they with us, and we with

with them, may testifie our thankfulnesse for so great a grace and goodnesse with all the hearty expressions of dutifulnesse and loyalty, and that our true sense hereof may the more clearly appear to our Sacred Sovereign; We do by these humbly and heartily make offer of our lives and fortunes in the defending and assisting of his Majesties sacred person and authority; in the maintenance of the foresaid religion and confession, and repressing of all such as shall hereafter presse to disturbe the peace of this Kirk and Kingdome.

In witnesse whereof we have heartily and freely subscribed these presents with our hands. At *Halyrude-house* the 22 day of September, 1638.

Sic subscribitur.

HAMMILTOUN.

Traquaire, Roxburgh, Mairsheall, Mar, Murray, Linlithgow, Perth, Wigtoun, Kingorne, Tullibardin, Haddington, Annandail, Lauderdail, Kinnoul, Dumfreis, Southesk, Belheaven, Angus, Lorne, Elphinstoun, Naper, Dalyell, Amont, J. Hay, S. Thomas Hope, S. W. Elphinstoun, Ja. Carmichael, J. Hammiltoun, Blackhall.

Apud

*Apud Haly-rude-boufe xxxii. Sep-
tembris, 1638.*



He which day, a Noble Mar-
ques, *JAMES*, Marquis of
Hammiltoun, Earle of Arran
and Cambridge, his Majesties
Commissioner, and Lords of se-
cret Council, in all humble and
hearty affection unanimously
swore, and subscribed the Con-
fession of faith above-written, dated 2. March, 1580.
according as it was then profest within this King-
dome: Together with the generall Band above-spe-
cified, dated in *Annus*, 1589. Whereupon *S. Thomas*
Hope of Craighall, his Majesties Advocate, in his
Majesties name asked instruments,

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Most Sacred Sovereigne, H. I.

F ever faithfull and loyall Subjects had reason to acknowledge extraordinary favours, shown to a Nation, and in a most submissive, and heartie manner give reall demonstrations of the grace vouchsafed; then do we of your Majesties Council of this your ancient Kingdome, unanimously profess, that such acts of clemency vouchsafed us, cannot proceed from any Prince, saving him, who is the lively image on earth of the great God Author of all goodnesse. For returne of so transcendent grace, fortified with the reall expression of unparallel'd Pietie, royall inclination to Peace, and universall love, not only to those of our number, but likewise to all your Majesties loyall Subjects: We do all in one voice, with all resentment can be imagined, in all humilitie render our most bounden thanks, and offer, in testimonie of our full satisfaction and acquiescence herewith, to sacrifice our lives and fortunes in seconding your Sacred Majesties commandments, and repressing all such as shall hereafter preasse to disturb the peace of the Kirke and Kingdome. And for some small signification of our alacritie, and diligence in your Sacred Majesties service, We have all, without the least shadow of any scruple, subscribed the Confession of Faith, and Band appointed to be received by all your Majesties loyall Subjects,

jects, sent the act passed in Councell, with our o-
ther proceedings, which we do most humbly re-
present to your Royall view. And we beseech your
Majestie, to be pleased, to be perswaded of the un-
violable devotion of all here subscribers, who do all,
in all humilitie, pray for your Majesties most hap-
pie and flourishing Reigne.

Sic subscribitur

HAMMILTOUN,

Traquaire, Roxburgh, Mairbeall, Mar, Mur-
ray, Linlithgow, Perth, Wigtoun, Kingorne,
Tullibardin, Hadintoun, Annandaill, Lauder-
daill, Kinnoull, Dumfreis, Southesk, Belbea-
ven, Angus, Lorne, Elphinstoun, Naper, Daly-
ell, Amont, J. Hay. S. Thomas Hope, S. W.
Elphinstoun, J. Carmichael, J. Hammiltoun,
Blackhall.

At

'At Haly-rude-bouſe, the xxii. day
of September. 1638.



Orſomuch as it hath pleaſed the Kings Maieſtie, out of his pious and religious diſpoſition to the true Religion, and out of his fatherly care, for removing of all feares, doubts, and ſcruples, which may ariſe in the mindes of his Subjects, for preſervation of the puritie thereof, and upon divers great and weighty conſiderations, importing the glory of God, the peace of the Kirke and Common-weale of this Kingdome, to appoint, and give order, that a free generall Aſſembly be indited, kept, and holden at the Citie of *Glaſgow* the xxi. of November next. Therefore the Lords of ſecret Councell ordains letters to be directed, charging Maiſters, and Officers of Armes, to paſſe, and make publication hereof by open Proclamation, at the market croſſe of *Edinburgh*, and the head Burrows of this Kingdome, and other places needfull. And to warne all and ſundrie Arch-biſhops, Biſhops, Commiſſioners of Kirks, and others, having place and vote in the Aſſembly, to repair, and addreſſe to the ſaid Citie of *Glaſgow* the ſaid xxi. day of November next to come, and to attend the ſaid Aſſembly induring the time thereof, and ay and while the ſame be diſſolved, and to do, and perſorme all which to their charges in ſuch caſes appertaineth, as they will answer to the contrary at their higheſt perill.

At Haly-rude-boufe, the xxii. day
of September, 1638.



Orsomuch as it hath pleased his Ma-
jestie, out of his pious and religious dis-
position to the true Religion, and out of
his Fatherly care, for removing of all
fears, doubts, and scruples, which may
arise in the mindes of his Subjects, for preservation
of the puritie thereof, and upon divers other great
and weighty causes, importing the glory of God,
the peace of the Kirke and common-weale of this
Kingdome, to appoint, and give order, that the So-
veraigne and high Court of Parliament, shall be hol-
den at the Citie of *Edinburgh*, upon the 15. day of
May next to come, with continuation of dayes:
Therefore the Lords of secret Councell ordaine
letters to be direct to Maisters and officers of Armes,
charging them to passe to the market crosse of *Edin-
burgh*, and other places needfull, and thereby open
proclamation to make publication of the holding of
the said Parliament, and to warne all and sundrie
Noble men, Prelates, and Commissioners for the
Barons, and Burrows, and all others, having voice
and place in the said Parliament, that they, and
every one of them, in their most decent and come-
ly manner, make their addresse to the said Parlia-
ment, attend and await thereat during the time
thereof, and to discharge that duetie which is in-
cumbent to them, and each one of them, as they
will answer on the contrary at their perill.

*At Haty-rude-bonse, the xxiii.**day of September, 1588.*

He which day, a Noble
Earl, JAMES Marques of
Hammiltoun, Earl of Ar-
ran and Cambridge, his
Majesties Commissioner,
having produced and ex-
hibit before the Lords of
secret Councell, upon the
twenty two day of this in-
stant, a warrant signed by

his Majestie, of the date the ninth of September in-
stant; wherein among others of his Majesties graci-
ous and royall expressions for preservation of the pu-
rity of religion, and due obedience to his Majesties
authority in the maintenance thereof, his Majestie
did will and ordain that the Lords themselves should
swear the Confession and generall Band mentioned
in his Maiesties said warrant, and also should take
such order, as all his Maiesties lieges may subscribe
the same. And the said Lords of secret Councell,
acknowledging his Maiesties pious and gracious dis-
position and affection to the purity of Gods truth,
did upon the 22. day of September instant, unani-
mously and with all humble, hearty and sincere af-
fection, swear and subscribe the Confession of faith,
dated the second of March, 1586. according as it was
then profest within this Kingdom: Together with
the foresaid generall Band, dated in Anno 1589. And
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now to the effect that all his Majesties lieges may give the like obedience to his Majesties so pious desire; therefore the said Lords have ordained, and ordains all his Majesties lieges, of whatsoever estate, degree or quality, Ecclesiasticall or Civill, to swear and subscribe the said Confession, dated the second of March, 1580. and that according to the said date and tenor thereof, and as it was then profest within this Kingdome: Together with the said general Band, dated in Anna, 1589. as they will answer at the contrarie upon their obedience And ordains officers of armes to passe to the market crosse of *Edinburgh*, and make publication hereof, and at all other places needfull, wherethrough none pretend ignorance of the same.

At Haly-rude-bouſe the xxxiii. day
of September, 1638.



Orſomuch as a Noble Marques;
JAMES Marques of Hammil-
 toun, Earle of Arran, and Cam-
 bridge, his Majeſties Commiſ-
 ſioner, and the Lords of ſecret
 Councell, by an act of the date
 the twentie two of this inſtant,
 have by ſpeciall warrant of his Sacred Majeſtie,
 ſworn and ſubſcribed with all humble and heartie
 affection and unanimouſly, the Confeſſion of Faith,
 dated the ſecond of March, 1580. and at length in-
 ſert in the books of privie Councell, of and accord-
 ing to the ſaid date and tenor thereof, and according
 as it was then profeſt within this Kingdome: Toge-
 ther with the generall Band inſert therewith, in the
 ſaid books of privie Councell, dated *in Anno 1589.*
 Like as alſo the ſaid Lords of Councel, by their act of
 the date of theſe preſents, acknowledging his Maje-
 ſties pious and gracious diſpoſition and affection to
 the puritie of Gods truth, and as thereby they con-
 ceive themſelves bound in conſcience and humble
 dutie, to uſe and follow forth all poſſible diligence,
 for procuring the ſubſcriptions of all his Majeſties
 Lieges thereto. And to this effect, have thought fit
 that the care and diligence in procuring thereof, be
 committed to ſome of his Majeſties Councell, and
 others of the Nobilitie and Gentrie within the ſeve-
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rall Sheriffdomes and Provinces of the Kingdome, in manner after-specified, Therefore the said Lord Commisſioner, and Lords of ſecret Councell, give power, warrant, and commiſſion, to ſuch of their number, and others after-following, within the bounds after-specified, viz. For the ſheriffdome of Edinburgh principall, *William Earle of Lothiane, Archibald Lord Naper, S. John Dalmahoy* of that ilke, *S. George Towers* of Innerleith. For the burgh of Edinburgh, the Proveſt and Baillics of Edinburgh, that are, or ſhall be for the time. For Eaſt-lothiane, *Robert Earle of Roxburgh, Lord Privie ſeal, Thomas Earle of Hadintoun, John Earle of Lauderdaill, Harie Lord Ker, S. Patrick Murrey* of Eliſanke, *S. Patrick Hepburne* of Wauchtoun, and *James Maxwell* of Innerweik. For the Stewartrie of Dalkeith, *John Earle of Traquaire, Lord Treasuſer, William Earle of Dalhouſſie, and S. James Macgill* of Cranſtonriddell. For the Sheriffdome of Peebles, and Ettrick forreſt, the ſaid Lord Treasuſer, and *John Lord Yeſter*. For the ſheriffdome of Selkirke, the ſaid Lord Treasuſer, the Earle of Hadintoun, *S. William Scot* of Harden, and Generall Ruthven. For the Sheriffdome of Roxburgh, the Lord Privie ſeal, the Earle of Lauderdaill, the Lord Ker, *S. Andro Ker* of Greenhead, *S. William Douglas* Sheriffe of Tiviordaill, and *S. Thomas Ker* of Cavers. For the ſheriffdome of Bervick, the ſaid Lord Privie ſeal, *James Earle of Home, the Earls of Hadintoun, and Lauderdaill, and Laird of Blacader*. For the ſheriffdome of Fyffe, *John Earle of Rothies, Charles Earle of Dumfermeline, John Earle of Annandail, John Earle of Wemes,*

Fentoun, John Lord Lindsey, David Lord Balcarras, S. Thomas Hope of Craighall knight barronet his Majesties advocate, S. Alexander Gibson of Durie, S. James Learmonth of Balcornie, and S. Andrew Murrey of Balvaird. For the sheriffedome of Linlithgow, Alexander Earl of Linlithgow, James Lord Amont, S. John Hammiltoun of Orberton Justice clerk, Dundas of that ilk, and M. George Dundas of Manner. For the sheriffedome of Lanerk, John Earle of Wigtoun, Archibald Lord Angus, Lord Flemming, Robert Lord Dalzell, S. William Elphinstoun chief Justice, S. James Carmichael of that ilk Treasurer Depute, the said Justice-clerk, S. James Lockhart younger of Lee, Francis Douglas of Sandelands, Gavin Hammiltoun of Raploch, S. James Hammiltoun of Broom-hill, Robert Hammiltoun of Torrence, and Alexander Hammiltoun of Hags, sheriffe. For the sheriffedome of Strivling, John Earle of Mar, William Earle of Airth, John Earle of Montrois, Alexander Earle of Linlithgow, John Earle of Wigtoun, John Lord Flemming, Alexander Lord Elphinstoun, James Lord Amont, and S. William Murrey of Polmaris. For the sheriffedome of Dumfries, William Earle of Queensberry, Master of Dalzell, the Laird of Lag, William Maxwell of Kirkhouse, and John Dalzell of Newtoun. For the sheriffedome of Clackmannan the said Earle of Mar, S. Robert Bruce of Clackmannan, S. Thomas Hope younger of Cars sheriffe. For the sheriffedome of Wigtoun, John Earle of Cassils, Alexander Earle of Galloway, S. John Hammiltoun elder and younger of Bargarie, S. Patrick Mackie of Larg, John Murrey of

of Broughtoun. For the sheriffedome of Air, *Alexander Earle of Eglintoun, Alexander Earle of Glencarne, John Earle of Cassils, William Earle of Dumfreis, William Lord Crichton, John Lord Lowdown*, the Lairds of Barganie elder and younger, the Lairds of Gastoun, and Cragiewallace. For the sheriffedome of Renfrew, *Alexander Earle of Glencarne, Robert Vicount of Belheaven, S. Archibald Stewart of Blakhall*, the Laird of Howston and Bryce Sempill of Cathcart, *S. Robert Dowglas of Blaiketter*, and *S. John Maxwell of Pooke*. For the sheriffedome of Dumbartan, *Argile, and Carbet*, the said Earles of Montrois, and Wigtoun, the Lords *Lorn and Flemming*, *S. George Stirline of Keir*, and *S. William Stewart* captain of the castle of Dumbartane. For the sheriffedome of Perth, *stewartries of Monteith, and Strathene*, the Earls of *Airth, Montrois, Atholl*, *Perth, Tullibardin, and Kinnoul*, *Mungo Vicount of Stormont*, the Lairds of *Keir, and Lawers*, elder and younger, the Lairds of *Duncrub* elder and younger, and *Blair of Baltheiock*. For the sheriffedome of Forfar, the Earles of *Montrois, Kingorne*, and *Southesk*, the Lords *Carnegie*, and *Ogilvie*, the Master of *Spynie*, *Patrick Maule of Panmure*, the Constable of *Dundie*, *S. Andro Fletcher of Innerpeffer*, the Lairds of *Din, Echie, Balaunmounie, Aldbar, Bonnyton, Lethintie*, and *Innerquharrarie*. For the sheriffedome of the Mernes, the Earls of *Mairball*, and *Southesk*, the Lord *Carnegie*, *S. Thomas Burnet of Lloyes*, the Lairds of *Glenbervie, Arbutniet, Morphie, Balmoyne*, and *Halkerton* elder. For the sheriffedome of *Aberdene*, the Marques of *Huntly*,

Huntly, the Earls of Mairshall, and Kingorne, the Earle of Kingorne for himselfe, and as Tutor to the Earl of Erroll, the Lords Forbes and Frazer, & Laird of Drum. For the sheriffedome of Banff, the Marques of Huntly, the Earls of Mairshall, and Finlatter. For Elgine and Forres, the Earl of Murrey, the Laird of Innes, Brodie of that ilk, and Dumbar, sheriffe of Murrey. For the sheriffedome of Innernele, the Marques of Huntlie, the Earl of Seafort, the Lord Lovatt, the Lairds of Grant and Makintosh. For the sheriffedomes of Caithnes and Sutherland, the Earles of Sutherland, Cathnes, and Seafort, the Master of Berridail, and *S. Robert Gordon*. For Orkney, and Zetland, the Earle of Cariet, *S. John* Buchannan of Scotiscraig, and *William Stewart* of Maynes. For the sheriffedome of Bute, the Lord Lorn and sheriffe of Bute. For the Iles, the Lord Lorn. With power to them conjunctly and severally to passe to the severall bounds above-written at such times and places as they shall think fit, and there to exhibite the said Confession of Faith and generall Band above-specified, marked and subscribed by the Clerk of Councell, and to require all his Majesties Lieges, of whatsoever rank and qualitie, to subscribe the said Confession of Faith, dated the 2. of March, 1580. according to the said date and tenor thereof, and as it was then profest within this Kingdome: together with the generall Band, dated in Anno 1589. as they will be answerable to his Majestie and the said Lords, upon their dutie and obedience: and to make report of their said diligence betwixt and the thirteenth day of November next.

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